

Blair Mill Elementary
109 Bender Road
Hatboro, PA 19040

April 19, 2010

Mr. William T. Walker
Assistant Township Manager
Horsham Township
1025 Horsham Road
Horsham, PA 19044

Dear Mr. Walker:

Ribbit! It is the sound of a frog trying to find the pond. Oh no! The pond has disappeared! PaveItAll, Inc. is trying to pave over the Jarrett Nature Center pond. If you let PaveItAll, pave over the pond then you are losing about 19,000 species of plants and 10,500 species of reptiles and amphibians and all of those animals will be homeless.

My first reason why you should deny PaveItAll, Inc.'s request is people will lose their jobs. Each year, more than 350 million people visit our national parks, wildlife refuges, and other public lands managed by the U.S. Department of Interior. This visitation generates more than 400,000 jobs and without pond animals such as ducks, snakes, and bullfrogs, people won't be able to take care of them and then they won't have a job. Also, if you approve their request then the animals are losing what is most important to them, their homes.

Also, animal derived products are important for medical procedures or treatments. For example, Ictonio - a hormone used for the treatment of osteoporosis and protomine sulphate - an important medicine used in open heart surgery; both come from salmon which comes from the pond. So, if you approve for PaveItAll,, Inc. to pave over the pond, people could lose surgery that could save their lives and make them feel good.

Therefore, you should deny PaveItAll,, Inc. because people will lose their jobs and people will lose surgeries and treatments they need to survive. Just remember one thing; the quality of our lives depends on it.

Sincerely,



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